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Patrick Taylor Hall Construction Moves Forward

BATON ROUGE — Today, Commissioner of Administration Kristy Nichols announced that the expansion and renovation of Patrick Taylor Hall on Louisiana State University's campus will continue with the Lemoine Company.

"This new complex will help LSU improve the experience of its students and better train them for the many engineering, construction management and computer science opportunities Louisiana has to offer," said Commissioner Nichols. "Since 2008, the Jindal administration has worked with the Legislature to appropriate and finance \$750 million dollars in critical higher education infrastructure investments across the state."

Once complete, Patrick Taylor Hall will be among the largest free-standing engineering buildings in the nation, with more than 462,000 square feet that includes laboratory space, a 250-seat auditorium, an academic support center, and an addition connected by an atrium. Construction will begin later this month and is on schedule to be complete by the end of 2017.

Phyllis Taylor said, "The renovations and expansion to Patrick Taylor Hall at LSU will help to answer the much needed demand for engineers. It will also continue to honor the legacy of Patrick, my late husband, and his passion for providing educational opportunity. I am most appreciative of the support of the Governor and the many private donors who made this possible."

State funding makes up \$55 million of the \$110 million project. The remainder of the project was funded with private donations.

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